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## **NASA Subcontractor Employee Pleads Guilty**

On March 6, 2000, Anthony L. Brooks, owner of Electronic Components & Fasteners North (ECFN), Deltona, FL, pled guilty to a one-count indictment for making a false statement with regard to the conformance of fasteners sold to NASA and the Department of Defense (DOD), a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. Brooks entered the plea in U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL.

The plea was the result of an investigation that revealed Brooks sold non-conforming fasteners to NASA and DOD prime contractors and certified the fasteners met military specifications and standards when, in fact, they did not. Various lots of fasteners sold to prime contractors, including United Space Alliance, the Shuttle Flight Operations Contractor, failed to meet specifications when tested, had no certifications of compliance by ECFN's supplier, or there was no traceability to the manufacturer of origin. Sentencing has been set for June 21, 2000.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. The prosecution of this matter is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Ana T. Escobar, Orlando, FL (407) 648-7500.

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